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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Koenigsbrueck and Zeithain Training Grounds

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

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- At 0600 on 30 September, a train carrying approximately 25 trucks, sedans and armored personnel carriers [REDACTED]. The armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] About 5 x 100-mm AT guns were seen on a loading ramp.
- At 2000, two trains with 100-mm AT guns and wheeled vehicles.
- At 1800 on 1 October, a train with approximately 15 trucks, 3 sedans, 1 armored personnel carrier and approximately 9 x 85-mm AT guns. About 10 x 85-mm AT guns and 5 trucks [REDACTED] were seen on a ramp. 1

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- [REDACTED] commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Zedash ;
- [REDACTED] commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Maisvich;
- [REDACTED] commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Petrov;
- [REDACTED] assigned to a large filling station in Dresden;
- [REDACTED] assigned to an administrative office in Dresden. 2

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4. The following observations were made in the Zeithain training grounds between 28 September and 4 October:
- 28 September. At about 1700, 5 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] came from the direction of Riesa and proceeded toward the training grounds.
- Between 1330 and 1600, reports of tank guns, firing of machine guns and rifles were heard from the training grounds.
- 1 October. At about 1800, a T-34 tank and a T-34/85 tank both [REDACTED] went from Riesa toward the training grounds.
- 2 October. At noon, a T-34/85 tank [REDACTED] came from the direction of Riesa and went toward the training grounds.
- 3 October. At about 0900, 4 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] came from Oschatz and went toward the training grounds.

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4. October. Between 1300 and 1530, reports of tank guns were heard from the direction of the training grounds. At 1700, four-wheel armored personnel carrier [ ] occupied by 8 to 10 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, left the training grounds toward Riesa. Motor vehicles seen on route to and from the training grounds included:

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